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SUBJECT : BAHRAIN DEFENSE FORCE REQUEST FOR
RANGER TRAINING

REF : STATE 195494

1. MATERIAL PROMISED PARA. 1 REFTEL HAS BEEN RECEIVED
AND PASSED TO BAHRAIN DEFENSE FORCE (BDF).

2. GOB HAS GIVEN OFFICIAL ACCEPTANCE TO OFFER OF FOUR
SPACES IN RANGER TRAINING COURSE BEGINNING MAY 6.
OFFICERS SELECTED ARE:

124 FIRST LIEUTENANT SALMAN NASIR HUSSAIN

157 FIRST LIEUTENANT MUBARAK AJAB

197 LIEUTENANT DAIJ SALMAN AL-KHALIFA

203 LIEUTENANT MOHAMMAD ZAID AL-GHONAIM

3. AFTER DISCUSSION WITH BDF OPERATIONS AND TRAINING
OFFICER AND OFFICERS SELECTED FOR TRAINING, WE FORESEE
LITTLE OR NO PROBLEM WITH PHYSICAL FITNESS REQUIREMENTS.
ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT MAY POSE PROBLEM AS TWO
OFFICERS SPEAK LITTLE ENGLISH. TRAINING OFFICER HAS BEEN
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CONSIDERING ENGLISH STUDY IN THE U.K., HOWEVER, BOTH HE

AND EMBASSY FEEL ENGLISH STUDY IN U.S. WOULD BETTER
PREPARE BAHRAINI OFFICERS FOR RANGER TRAINING. TRAINING
OFFICER HAS ASKED US TO CHECK INTO AVAILABILITY OF SPACES
AT U.S. LANGUAGE SCHOOL BEGINNING JANUARY 1975 ON
ASSUMPTION FOUR MONTHS OF INSTRUCTION WOULD BE ENOUGH.
WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CHECKING INTO AVAILABILITY
OF SPACES AT DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE (DLI) JANUARY-
APRIL 1975.

4. AS FOUR OFFICERS VARY WIDELY IN ENGLISH ABILITY, WE
FEEL IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO ADMINISTER ENGLISH COMPREHENSION
LEVEL (ECL) TEST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO AID DLI IN
DETERMINING PLACEMENT. IF, AS RESULT OF TESTING, IT
APPEARS ONE OR MORE OFFICERS WOULD NEED MORE THAN FOUR
MONTHS LANGUAGE TRAINING TO ACHIEVE ECL SCORE OF 80,
WE WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE ARRANGMENTS AT THAT TIME.

5. FOR CUSMTMSA: HOPE YOU CAN MAKE ECL OFFICER
AVAILABLE TO ADMINISTER TEST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER
OCTOBER 19. BDF WILL PROVIDE TESTING ROOM AND TAPE
RECORDER.
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